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Docket No. 5000-4867

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Takahiro HOSHIDA, et al.

Group Art Unit: 3745

Serial No.: 09/824,324

Examiner: John E. Ryznic

Filed: April 2, 2001

For: **COMPRESSOR PISTON AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE COMPRESSOR PISTON**

AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Covered by Previous Payments	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims*	24 -	21	3	\$18.00/ \$9.00	\$ 54.00
Independent Claims	6 -	3	3	\$84.00/ \$42.00	\$ 252.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	(If claims added by amendment include Multiple Dependent Claim(s) and there was no Multiple Dependent Claim(s) in application before amendment add \$280.00 to additional fee (\$140.00 for small entity).)				
	TOTAL				
	\$ 306.00				

*Includes all independent and single dependent claims and all claims referred to in multiple dependent claims. See 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c).

Small entity status is or has been claimed.
Reduced Fees Under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) paid herewith \$

- _____ Pages Sequence Listing
- _____ Computer disk(s) containing substitute Sequence Listing
- Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.825(b) that the computer and paper copies of the substitute Sequence Listing are the same.
- A check in the amount of \$306.00 to cover the filing fee is attached.
- Charge fee to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. _____. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this amendment, including all fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17 for its timely consideration, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 5000-4867. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2002 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 7 and 10 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A hollow piston used in a compressor, wherein the piston has an end wall that receives the pressure of a cylinder bore of the compressor, the end wall having a substantially flat outer end face that is exposed to the pressure of the cylinder bore and an inner end face that is opposite to the outer end face, wherein the contour of the inner end face, from the radially outside portion toward the radially inside portion, first approaches the outer end face and then departs from the outer end face to reinforce the strength of the end wall against the pressure applied to the outer end face.

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